



"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it."

# Heroes

County Sheriff's Office deputies save man from burning house in CF

By Henry E. Green

Two Abbeville County Sheriff's Office deputies are being hailed for their bravery in helping to save an elderly man from a burning building in Calhoun Falls recently, according to Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson. "During the early morning hours on March 6, 2022 at approximately 1:53, Abbeville County Dispatchers notified responders of a residential structure fire at 105 South Butler Avenue (in Calhoun Falls)," Watson

said Monday.

Two Sheriff's Office Deputies, Sgt. Grayson Davis and Master Deputy Benjamin Dockins, quickly responded and arrived within several minutes.

Once on scene, the two deputies were advised by bystanders that an elderly male resided at this address and could possibly still be inside.

"The residence was fully engulfed with fire and without hesitation, Sgt. Davis and Master Deputy Dockins

began attempting to make contact with anyone inside the residence by several entry points, to no avail," Watson said. "Upon reaching the front door, they made access to the residence. As they entered, the two deputies located a male lying unconscious on the floor near the door."

The two deputies carried the man from the residence to a safe location, away from the fire. The man had suffered from smoke inhalation and severe burns and

was not breathing, and the deputies began CPR and a sternum rub, successfully reviving him prior to additional responders arriving on scene, the Sheriff continued.

Once EMS arrived, the patient was airlifted to Pryma Health in Greenville, where he was stabilized. After being stabilized, he was transported to Augusta Burn Center, Watson said.

Watson said Monday that he is immensely proud of the deputies, and plans to

nominate them for a medal of valor through the South Carolina Sheriff's Association.

About 25 fire fighters from the Calhoun Falls, Monterey, Sharon and Lowndesville fire departments responded to the blaze, according to Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

SLED and the State Fire Marshal's Office were requested by local fire officials to try to determine the cause and origin of the fire, and at press time, they were still

working to determine that, Williams continued.

"The fire was contained in about 45 minutes," Williams said, adding that fire fighters did a "phenomenal" job in extinguishing the blaze.

One fire fighter was injured when he slipped and fell, and he was treated by EMS on the scene and released.

The deputies were evaluated by EMS for minor injuries and released at the scene, Williams continued.



Bill Rogers of the Abbeville County Historical Society recently spoke about the repairs which the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy house needs. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Vehicle crash claims life of young woman

A motor vehicle crash on Wednesday took the life of a young Iva area woman on Shaw Road in the Lowndesville area of Abbeville County, according to Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn.

The call went out about 9:48 a.m. for responders,

who went to the scene of the crash, which had taken the life of 21-year-old Kimberly Hughes of Parkview Road in the Iva area, Dorn continued.

Hughes was driving alone when she lost control of her vehicle while rounding a curve. She was ejected

from the vehicle, and died at the scene, Dorn continued.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, he said.

The South Carolina Highway Patrol will continue the investigation, according to the Coroner.

# Extra! Extra! Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary provides tax picture for referendum

By Henry E. Green

So, if the referendum passes, how much more in additional taxes will it amount to for Abbeville County residents?

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary knows.

According to the Superintendent, the extra taxes on a \$100,000 house would amount to \$278 yearly; or 41 cents per day, or \$2.88 per week or \$12.50 per month.

The referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 17,

and will be on funding a number of improvements planned for Abbeville and Dixie High Schools, and the Abbeville County Career Center as well.

The scope of work discussed thus far has included new academic wings and cafeteria expansions at AHS and Dixie, a new media center at AHS, and work at the Abbeville County Career Center, including a main office, and improved space for the pre-engineering program Project Lead the Way.

These proposed academic improvements will form the content of the first referendum question.

A second question is slated to give permission to build tracks and new gyms and locker rooms at Abbeville and Dixie high schools.

The price?

The price for the academic projects is slated to be up to approximately \$43,800,000, and that for the athletic projects of up to approximately \$12 million.

# Cause of death unknown Remains of missing young man found

By Henry E. Green

The story of a young man who went missing last year has reached a tragic conclusion.

The remains of Adam Harvey, a young Abbeville County man who went missing last year, were found in McCormick County last month, and the cause of death remains unknown at press time according to Abbeville County Sheriff's Office Captain Matthew Graham.

The Sheriff's Office captain provided a step-by-step profile of the discovery of the remains and the aftermath.

On February 12, 2022 the Abbeville County Sheriffs Office and the McCormick County Sheriff's Office responded to Old Charleston Road in McCormick County after human remains were found, Graham said.

The remains were found by squirrel hunters on a piece of property off the roadway. SLED was called in to process the scene, in an

area which is 2.9 miles from where Adam Harvey was last seen, and is 1.7 miles from Adam Harvey's home, according to Graham.

On February 14, 2022 an autopsy was completed on the remains, and there were no obvious signs of blunt force trauma on the remains that were recovered, the Captain continued.

The young man's cause of death remains unknown at press time. DNA was collected and taken to the Greenwood Genetic Center. Adam's mother confirmed to detectives that he had DNA on file at the Greenwood Genetics Center, the Sheriff's Office captain said.

The Greenwood County Genetics confirmed on Wednesday that the remains were in fact those of Harvey, Graham said.

The Abbeville County Sheriff's Office said their investigation is ongoing in an effort to learn how Adam Harvey got to this location. Adam was first reported

missing on September 11, 2021. The sheriff's office said his remains were found in a heavily wooded area that was not searched just over the county line in McCormick County.

Authorities said this was a heavily wooded area and there was thick brush at the time of the searches last year, and the investigation into how Harvey got to the area is ongoing.

The remains, which were in an advanced state of decomposition, were found at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the evening on Feb. 12, Graham said Thursday.

Adam, 23 years old at the time of his disappearance, was autistic.

A number of search and rescue teams, fire departments, and volunteers were involved in the effort to search for the young man, according to the Sept. 15, 2021 issue of The Press and Banner.



Anna LaGrone (center) was recently inducted into the Abbeville Rotary Club. She was joined for a photo opportunity by her husband, Mark Meyers (right) and the club president, Matthew Johnson (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# Man convicted in shooting incident on Court Square

An Abbeville man was convicted Thursday in connection to a 2019 incident in which he fired a gunshot that left another man paralyzed, according to 8th Circuit Solicitor David M. Stumbo. Reginald De'Aron Campbell, 24, of Abbeville, was convicted by an Abbeville County jury of assault and battery, high and aggravated in nature, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The verdict came down around midday Thursday after jurors began their deliberations Wednesday afternoon before taking a recess about 9 p.m. Wednesday evening. According to a recent news release from 8th Circuit Solicitor David M. Stumbo's office. Campbell was initially charged with attempted murder; however, the jury returned the guilty verdict on the lesser included offense of assault and battery, high and aggravated in nature. State law provides a sentencing range of zero to 20 years in prison. Circuit Judge Walton J. McLeod IV, who presided over the case, sentenced Campbell to 14 years in prison on the assault charge and five years in prison on the weapons charge, with the sentences to run concurrently. On December 28, 2019, a number of people gathered at Wings 101, located on the square in Abbeville, to watch the Clemson-Ohio State College Football Playoff game. At some point during the night, Campbell and some friends exchanged words with a man at the bar. Sometime just after

midnight, patrons began spilling onto the sidewalk and an altercation broke out involving the same parties that had words previously inside the bar. The victim, who was an innocent bystander attempting to break up the fight, was blindsided punched by Campbell and slammed into a brick wall. The victim's head hit the brick wall and he slumped onto Campbell as both tumbled to the ground. Seconds later, Campbell pulled out a gun and shot the victim in the abdomen from close range. The bullet damaged the victims' spine, leaving him paralyzed. Senior Assistant Solicitor Micah Black and Assistant Solicitor Caroline Avant handled the case for the state, with assistance from 8th Circuit Investigator Chris Wilkie and Victim Advocate Sarah Parris. Campbell was represented by Aaron Taylor. Solicitor Stumbo praised the work of his team along with Inv. Duane Balchin of the Abbeville Police Department and Officer Brett Watkins, who was with Abbeville Police Department at the time of the incident, in securing the conviction. "It is an absolute tragedy that an innocent bystander trying to break up a fight ends up paralyzed from a gunshot wound," Solicitor Stumbo said following the sentencing. "Not only are there obvious life-changing consequences for our victim in this case, but everyone involved has been forever changed by the foolish action of bringing a gun to a fist fight. I pray the victim and everyone else involved can begin to find

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# The Brew and you

## Thomas Coffing talks about his mobile auto detailing service

By Henry E. Green

"The Brew" will go on the road for the month of April, with plans to meet at Sharon Manor on Highway 72, announced Austin Walker, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville Wednesday.

Then, for the month of May, there will be an afternoon "Brew," she said.

Based on a similar program in Anderson, the Brew is presented by the City of Abbeville in conjunction with the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership and the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

The program provides for monthly meetings, where business people gather and network, and listen to other business speakers talk about their businesses.

Meetings are typically at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville in the morning on the first Wednesday of the month.

This month the speaker was Thomas Coffing, a 2015 Dixie High School graduate who operates Coffing's Detailing Service in Abbeville, offering Mobile Auto Detailing for automobiles, boats, RVs, ATVs/UTVs.

Coffing described how he went to Limestone for a while and then he entered the work force.

To say that he enjoys what he does is an understatement. He wants to show people they do not have to be stuck in the same day to day routine.

He knows of people who are making a very, very good salary, and yet are simply miserable.

Coffing considers himself

fortunate. "I found my niche at an early age," he said.

Detailing, he went on to say, involves putting a layer of protection--wax or sealant--on a vehicle.

"I do full steam cleaning (for the interior of the vehicle)," he continued. "Generally I spend about two and one half hours on a car."

Finding personal time for his family has been a challenge, because he loves what he does so much. "I'm obsessed with it," he said.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce executive director Anna LaGrone announced that the Chamber would be continuing its series of business education classes with an 8:30 a.m. class at the Chamber on "Creating a Business Plan."



Businessman Thomas Coffing (standing) recently spoke at a meeting of The Brew about his car detailing business. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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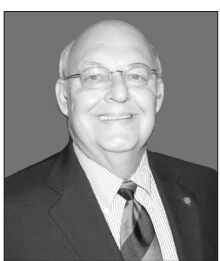
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The Junior Scholars recognized at the February school board meeting included (from left to right) Noah Oxendine, Miller Crawford, Troy Le, and Steven Cole Driggers. Also recognized but not pictured were Alissa Bloodworth, Kate Burton, Ryan Felter, Alia Hershberger, and Abigail Moore. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Shining stars

## Junior Scholars recognized during recent school board meeting

**By Henry E. Green**  
 Promise and potential. That is what a number of young people recognized at the Feb. 22 school board meeting have demonstrated. During the Gold Star Highlights segment of the meeting, a segment devoted to recognizing students and educators who have done outstanding things, this year's Junior Scholars were recognized. As Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton noted, the Junior Scholar program was developed by the State Department of Education. Students who qualify receive an Award of Merit certificate and Junior Scholar bumper sticker.

The program provides recognition of students of high scholastic achievement, and sponsors summer opportunities for these students in collaboration with colleges and universities, and the Governor's School. These are eighth grade students who took the PSAT in the fall and received a score 550 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing subtest, or a score 530 or higher on the Math subtest, Brownlee said. From Wright Middle School Steven Cole Driggers, and Troy Le were recognized, and those from Dixie High School included Alissa Bloodworth, Kate Burton, Miller Crawford, Ryan Felter, Alia Hershberger,

Abigail Moore, and Noah Oxendine. Those Junior Scholars in attendance at the school board meeting were presented with certificates and posed for pictures. The Junior Scholars received complimentary remarks from the trustees. "It probably won't be the last time we see you," trustee David Brooks told the young people, noting that they were probably on their way to receive plenty of future recognition from the School District. The Gold Star Highlights segment also provided a time to pay tribute to the District's school bus drivers, and trustees praised the drivers for their job in keeping students safe.

# Meditation time

## Season of Lent is time of reflection

**By Henry E. Green**  
*Jesus answered, "It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."*  
*Matthew 4:4 (New International Version)*  
 The season of Lent is upon us, and a number of Abbeville County churches are observing it.

"During this entire season our (Episcopal) churches are dark, our altars have no flowers and our mood is somber." Abbeville Presbyterian is hosting a series of musical events every Wednesday at noon during Lent. During that time, the community is welcome to gather in the sanctuary of Abbeville Presbyterian and listen as musician Joe Greer plays a variety of selections on the organ. Each mini-concert lasts 20 minutes--from noon to 12:20 p.m. Lent ends with Easter, which is observed this year on April 17, according to the Anglican.

ashes on the foreheads of believers, in a gesture associated with humility and repentance. Many Christians make during Lent a Lenten sacrifice, and they give up a particular luxury in keeping with the practice of fasting. One believer in years past gave up coffee for Lent, for example. Lent has a more prominent place in some Christian denominations than in others--Catholics, Episcopalians, and Methodists, for example, typically observe the season of Lent, while adherents of the evangelical Christian denominations, such as that of the Baptist, do not. Purple is the color of Lent, which is marked in other countries with some interesting traditions. In Germany, for example, old Christmas trees are burned to welcome both Lent and spring, according to bctorch.com Lent comes to an end with the coming of Easter, which is the holiest day on the Christian calendar and which this year is celebrated on Sunday, April 17.

Lent, according to Wikipedia, is a time on the Christian liturgical calendar when Christians remember the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert before beginning his ministry. Jesus was tempted by Satan during this time, and the devil suggested that he turn stones into bread, whereupon Christ gave his oft-quoted response that "Man does not live by bread alone." "Lent is the time of the year when Christians are called to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and we are called to prepare ourselves in this season of penitence and fasting," according to the Abbeville Anglican, the newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church.

"Many recent studies suggest that most modern Christians do not pay much attention at all" to Lent, according to the newsletter. It all starts with Ash Wednesday, which this year was on March 2. Many Christians observe special church services on this first day of Lent. A day traditionally marked by prayer and fasting, Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing

# Georgia man drowns at CF state park

A Georgia man drowned at Calhoun Falls State Park Wednesday evening, according to reports. The call went out about 7:49 p.m. with responders going to the scene, where Russell McCrory, 50, drowned, according to Abbeville County Coroner Mark Dorn.

McCrory, whose address, according to Abbeville County Sheriff's Office Captain Matthew Graham, was 796 Lakeshore Drive, Berkeley, GA, allegedly took a wrong turn in the dark and drove down a boat ramp and his vehicle filled with water, according to Graham and Dorn.

He allegedly made a 911 call while he was in the vehicle, telling dispatchers that the water was up to his chest, before he drowned, according to Dorn and Graham. The incident is still under investigation, Dorn said.



Abbeville High School Beauty Pageant winners for the 10th Grade. Photo: Miss Congeniality: Langley Light; 2nd Runner Up, 10th Grade Scholar: Emma Harper; Miss Sophomore, 10th Grade Photogenic and 10th Grade People's Choice: Tyla Johnson; 1st Runner Up: Josie Evans (Photo contributed)



Abbeville High School Beauty Pageant winners for the 12th Grade. Photo: Miss Senior and 12th Grade Congeniality: Gabriella White; Miss AHS, Interview Winner: Abbye Light; 1st Runner Up, Senior Scholar, 12th Grade People's Choice, Senior Photogenic: Drew Beauford. (Photo contributed)



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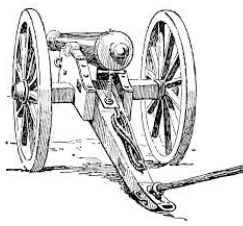
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The 28th annual reenactment of the Battle of Aiken featured many soldiers on horseback, fighting one another with sabres. To find out more about the event held each year during the last weekend in February, go to [battleofaiken.com](http://battleofaiken.com) (Staff photo by Amanda Smith)

# Battle of Aiken reenactment has record attendance



Since 1995, thousands of spectators have traveled to Aiken, SC each year to see hundreds of reenactors recreate one of the last Confederate victories of the war: the Battle of Aiken. The Confederate victory in Aiken saved the town from being burned in 1865. (Staff photo by Amanda Smith)



The 28th annual Battle of Aiken reenactment was held February 25, 26, and 27 in Aiken, SC. The event drew its largest crowd in history with 5,000 attendees at the reenactment on Saturday, Feb. 26. Confederate reenactors can be seen here manning Civil War artillery on the cold and rainy afternoon of Feb. 27th. (Staff photo by Amanda Smith)

**By Amanda Smith**  
Smoke billowed through the air and the earth rattled with the force of cannons firing. White clouds enveloped sodden groups of soldiers as they loaded and manned artillery amid a light rain.  
Further down the battlefield, cavalrymen in grey and their foes in blue drew sabres and pistols while horses reared up and landed back down, their hooves pummeling the muddy ground. Carbine fire and sword clashing could be heard when the cannons went silent from their steady, pounding blasts.  
This year, the sights, sounds, and smells of the annual Battle of Aiken reenactment drew more than 5,000 spectators on Saturday, February 26, a record number of attendees for Saturday in the festival's 28 years.  
"All these protests are stimulating people to seek out their history and background and they go out to see the Battle of Aiken to figure it out for themselves," said Pete Peters, spokesperson for the Battle of Aiken festival and co-founder of the event.  
The expanding grip of cancel culture and an increasing attempt to eradicate American history have caused many to seek out historical facts for themselves.  
"A lot of people are hungry for history right now," said Chaplain Joey Young, founder of Old Paths Reenactors Missions and Chaplain for 23 out of its 28 years. "They're tired of the same old stagnant stuff you hear on television and the media, and all the propaganda and hatred combined

with trying to destroy Southern heritage. People are tired of it and want to reach back and grab history because it's true and it's real. Our country has been through so much in the past two to three years. That was a record crowd... I don't think I've ever seen that many people before. Even with the rain there were a lot of people on Sunday, but Saturday it was phenomenal."  
The Battle of Aiken reenactment takes place in February, the weekend after President's Day. This year, the festival ran from February 25-27 and drew thousands of spectators from all over the nation.  
The Battle of Aiken stands out as one of the rare Confederate victories toward the end of the Civil War.  
According to [battleofaiken.com](http://battleofaiken.com), Major Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman sent his cavalry commander, Union Brig. Gen. Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, to Augusta in an attempt to confuse the Confederate soldiers as to the location of their next attack: Augusta or Charleston, while the real target was Columbia, SC.  
Both Sherman and Kilpatrick were known for their brutality, and Kilpatrick was known for his rash and reckless behavior.  
While resting in Savannah, GA, Sherman declared, "When I go through South Carolina, it will be one of the most horrible things in the history of the world. The devil himself couldn't restrain my men in that state."  
By February 1, 1865, the invasion into South Carolina had begun. Kilpatrick looted and burned Barnwell, SC to the ground

and renamed it "Burn-well" in a memo to Sherman. Kilpatrick continued to Blackwell, SC, where he destroyed Confederate railroad tracks and cars.  
When Kilpatrick's troops advanced upon Aiken, however, Confederate Brig. Gen. Joseph Wheeler had carefully organized a trap for Kilpatrick in the shape of an alligator's mouth. The trap was blown by an overzealous Alabama trooper who fired his gun prematurely. Fighting quickly ensued, and the Confederates hailed the battle as a victory. Union casualties numbered between 45 and 495, while Confederates lost between 50 and 251 men but prevented the town's destruction.  
Hundreds of historically accurate soldiers recreate this battle every year that saved the town of Aiken from annihilation.  
This year, the weekend featured historically accurate stations such as Confederate and Union camps, a Chaplain's camp, a blacksmithing station, women's fashion stations, an authentic 19th century log cabin, a corral with horses, a schoolhouse, a jail, and a country store, to name a few.  
A traveling exhibit of a full-scale replica of the ill-fated Confederate submarine, CSS H.L. Hunley, also made an appearance in 2022.  
Up to 4,000 children attend the event each year and go through a living history adventure to learn what American life was like in the 1860s. Over 75,000 children have visited thus far.  
To learn more about the Battle of Aiken festival, visit [battleofaiken.com](http://battleofaiken.com).

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# UCMAC honors its group of volunteers

**By Henry E. Green**

United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County held its volunteer appreciation dinner Monday night at the Lowndesville Community Center in Lowndesville.

Eighty six people were in attendance, as the people who give of their time for UCMAC's three ministries were honored.

"United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization extending the mission work or local churches in Abbeville County," according to a statement from the organization.

"UCMAC is dedicated to showing the love of God by providing financial emergency assistance to those in crisis; non perishable food through three food pantries, and free health care through a free medical clinic to qualified Abbeville County citizens."

Those in attendance Monday night enjoyed dinner, followed by presentations by UCMAC executive director Bill Boone, food pantry director Mike Shirley, and clinic director Connie Normand.

Boone talked about some of the good things experienced by the organization over the past year. UCMAC opened a third food pantry

in Lowndesville, in addition to its pantries in Abbeville and Calhoun Falls.

The year 2021 also saw the creation of a mass transit service for Abbeville County, a service spawned through a conversation Boone had with Normand, who told him that a number of patients were having trouble getting to the clinic because of transportation issues.

The conversation eventually led to a grant which is funding a transit system for Abbeville County for one year, Boone noted in his executive director's report Monday night.

Also Monday night, volunteers who had given of their time for five and 10 years were presented with certificates.

UCMAC found something to celebrate also in the recent creation of a new logo, featuring a heart, cross, and a hand, with these words underneath: "Sharing God's Love with a Servant's Heart."

Monday night also provided an opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the UCMAC free medical clinic.

Normand presented Dr. Chris Oxendine, the clinic's medical director, with a piece of metal wall art celebrating the University

of Georgia's national championship in college football --art which Normand said was done by Chris Cowart of Abbeville.

The following volunteers were recognized for five and 10 years of service:

Food pantry--Ron Alexander, five years; Mike Erwin, 10 years; Pete Price, five years, and Betty Reece, 10 years

Emergency assistance--Janet Vandiver, 10 years

Free clinic--Ruth Bacon, 10 years; Gene Butler, 10 years; Edna Faggart, 10 years; Lynette Lindell, five years; Laura Baughman, RN, 10 years; Barbara Freese, RN, 10 years; Carolin Ann McLane, RN, 10 years; Elaine Nixon, LPN, 10 years; Rebecca Botts, PA, 10 years; Dawne Hershberger, CFNP, 10 years, and Dr. Keith Scott, 10 years.

Normand and Oxendine have both put in 10 years of volunteer service.

Before the dinner, there was a delegate meeting, with Faye Crocker, John Walborn and Ruth Bacon all elected to the board by acclamation.

"It's been a big year for UCMAC," board chairman Mark Meyers noted at the meeting.



United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County held its volunteer appreciation dinner recently at the Lowndesville community center. Among the volunteers honored were Betty Reece (left) and Mike Erwin (right), who were presented with certificates by food pantry director Mike Shirley (center). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



During the UCMAC volunteer appreciation dinner held at the Lowndesville Community Center recently, Betty Reece (left) and Mike Erwin (right) were presented with certificates marking 10 years of volunteer service to the UCMAC food pantry. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## 'Hands and feet' 2021 was a good year for United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County

**By Henry E. Green**

(See related story.) UCMAC had a great year in 2021, UCMAC financial director Jane Agan noted Monday night at the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County volunteer appreciation dinner.

And the numbers tell the story.

Presenting a picture of the organization, Agan provided a plethora of facts and figures all adding up to a healthy operation.

Highlights of 2021:

--UCMAC was able to help county residents by paying 143 bills--utility, rent and other types--through its emergency assistance ministry.

--The Free Clinic had 309 clinic visits and purchased

2, 256 prescriptions.

--The food pantries distributed 2, 099 boxes of food valued at \$52, 475.

--UCMAC spent 6.44 percent of its income on administrative expenses, and paid out \$99, 967 for its three programs.

--UCMAC volunteers donated 6708 hours to the organization.

The community donated \$39, 592 of food that was given to clients.

--Free clinic services saved many emergency room visits, medical referrals were made to specialists and dentists, and the Emergency Assistance ministry made more than 200 referrals to other organizations and agencies, from DSS to GLEAMNS to SC Works--

just to name a few.

Clients are encouraged to further their education by getting their GED or to go on to Piedmont Technical College, UCMAC reported.

The look back on 2021 was all part of the organization's volunteer appreciation dinner. Rev. Scott Allen provided the invocation, Marty Cann provided the entertainment, and Riley McLane gave the benediction.

"With support and donations from churches, individuals, organizations, and groups we look forward to continuing to be Jesus' hands and feet in Abbeville County," according to a statement provided on a UCMAC bookmark.

Connie Normand (left) and Dr. Chris Oxendine (right) were presented with these large certificates of appreciation during the UCMAC volunteer appreciation dinner recently. They were honored for their work in helping direct the UCMAC free medical clinic. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Pete Price (left) and Ron Alexander (right) were presented with certificates in recognition of five years of volunteer service during the UCMAC volunteer appreciation dinner recently. Both men work as volunteers in the UCMAC food pantry system. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Marty Cann provided the entertainment during the UCMAC volunteer appreciation dinner on the evening of Monday, March 7. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County held its annual volunteer appreciation dinner recently, and UCMAC free clinic medical director Dr. Chris Oxendine (far left) and clinic director Connie Normand (second from left) joined free clinic volunteers with 10 years of service Edna Faggart, Gene Butler, Ruth Bacon, Elaine Nixon, and Carolin Ann McLane (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# Museum gets portrait of Patrick Calhoun

**By Henry E. Green**

A retired national park ranger has painted a portrait of a man who, back in the 18th century, was instrumental in establishing what is now Abbeville County.

Eric Williams has painted a portrait of Patrick Calhoun, the father of John C. Calhoun, and presented it at a Feb. 6 ceremony held at Lower Long Cane Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to mark the 262nd anniversary of the Long Canes massacre, in which the Cherokee attacked a group of settlers.

A retired national park ranger, Williams a number of months ago painted "Chaos at Long Cane," based on the massacre, and he donated a print of it to the Abbeville County Museum.

A prominent figure in that group of settlers, said Williams, was Patrick Calhoun, who led his family from Pennsylvania to western Virginia to the Waxhaw region, near what is now the border of North and South Carolina, and then to the

Long Canes region of Abbeville County/McCormick County.

"Long canes" were an indicator of fertile soil, and Patrick and company were attracted by the prospect of settling on good farm land. "Patrick was a key player," said Williams.

Yes, Patrick became a prominent figure in the community, and in fact Calhoun and his family are the main focus of Fort Hill museum on the Clemson University campus.

In that museum is a miniature portrait of Calhoun, and Eric used a photograph of that painting to paint his own portrait of Patrick Calhoun.

Eric noted that it was extremely rare for an individual in the "back country" of South Carolina to have a "miniature" painted.

That was something usually done in the larger cities. However, Patrick Calhoun, a surveyor, would make trips to Charleston from time to time, and Eric believes that the portrait might have been painted during one of these trips.

As to who painted it, the question does not have a clear answer, although Eric believes it just might have been a French painter who lived in Charleston between 1790 and 1793—a painter by the name of Pierre Henri.

There are similarities to Henri's other works—the way the Frenchman painted hair, for example.

"The preponderance of evidence swings way toward that," Eric said.

As for his own painting, which he created in December of last year, Williams said that it took about 40 hours to paint.

Eric's painting is an oil painting on canvas, 16 inches by 20 inches.

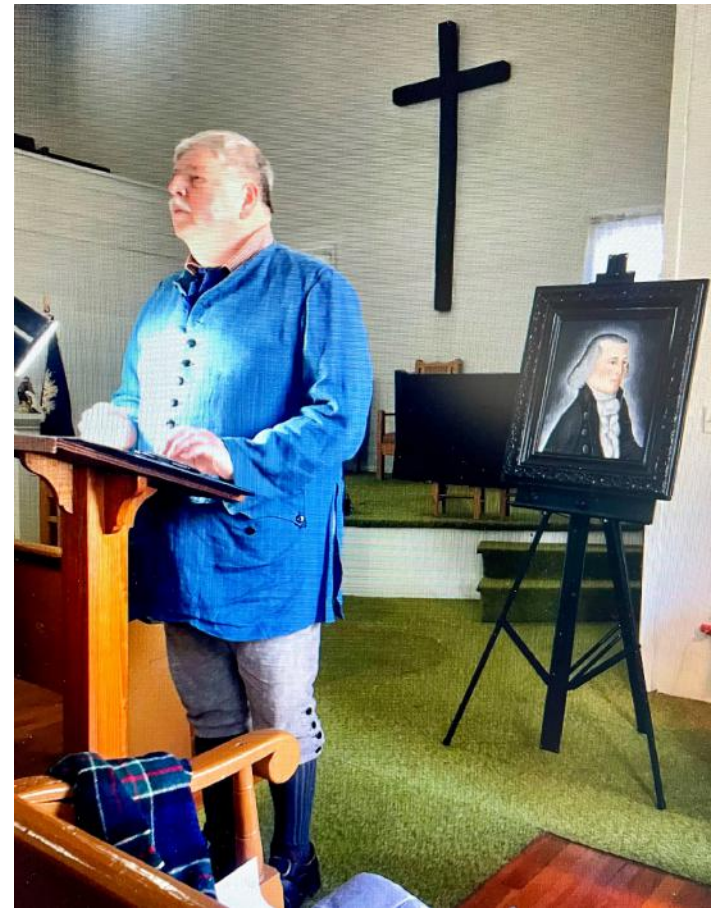
It is all in a day's work for Williams, who took up painting after he retired in 2008.

"I paint at the Arts Center in Greenwood," he said.

As for painting a portrait of Patrick Calhoun, he referred to it as a "pleasure."

"In a way he was like the father of Abbeville County," said Eric.

Eric Williams (standing, left) spoke at a special program in February to commemorate the 262nd anniversary of the Long Canes "massacre," and he presented a portrait of Patrick Calhoun that he had painted. (Contributed photo)



# Abbeville has forest landowners group

**By Henry E. Green**

Stephen Pohlman, area forestry agent with Clemson Extension, wants to make one thing clear.

You do NOT have to own land to be a member of the Abbeville County Forest Landowners Association.

No—the one thing the members have in common? "They all have an interest in forestry and/or wildlife and the management" thereof, said Pohlman.

The Association seeks to educate its approximately 100 members about forestry and wildlife.

At the organization's Feb. 21 meeting, Pohlman, who

serves as advisor to the association, gave a presentation about selling timber.

Thomas Kirby is the new president of the Association, said Pohlman.

The position of vice president is currently vacant, while the post of treasurer is held by Cordes Seabrook, and there are also six board members.

You do not even have to live in Abbeville County to belong to the Association.

There are similar organizations in nearby counties, such as McCormick or Greenwood.

Some people who belong to a forest landowners as-

sociation may have family ties to the county where the organization is based but may live elsewhere.

In addition, an individual may belong to more than one forest landowners association, and the reasons for belonging to an association may vary.

"It really runs the gamut," the Forestry Agent said.

Pohlman took the place at Clemson Extension of Tom Brant, who recently retired.

Pohlman is the Area Forestry Agent for Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda counties.

# Merchants group planning beer walk

**By Henry E. Green**

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association is planning a Beer Walk for Saturday, March 19, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., said Jennifer Creswell, Association president.

Tickets, which cost \$25.00, may be purchased at As You Grow Boutique and Breezy Quarters, and online through eventbrite.

The Beer Walk will start at the Chamber, where a participant will receive a map, and a punch card.

"They'll have their ID checked, and get a wrist

band," she said.

The Beer Walk is expected to include about 15 stops. At each stop, participants will receive a two-ounce "pour," from a variety of imported beers.

"They'll be from all different countries," she said, adding that Divine Wine and Craft is importing the beers for the Walk, Creswell said.

"They'll receive their glass at the final stop," she said.

This will be a special commemorative glass to mark the event.

The Beer Walk, which she said is in at least its fifth or

sixth year, will have a Saint Patrick's Day theme.

"Wear your green," said Creswell.

Last year's Walk was successful, and as many as 150 people participated, she continued.

So what's next for the Association?

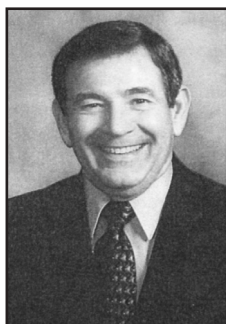
The group will be planning some family-friendly events, including something around Easter, Creswell continued.

The Association will also present a summer wine walk, she said.

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### Words



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**Matthew 12:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."**

Experts say that we are bombarded with 35,000 messages a day—that is a lot of words! In John Maxwell's book, "Everyone Communicates, Few Connect," he states that he has read that, on average, most people speak about 16,000 words a day. If you transcribed those words, they'd fill a three-hundred-page book every week. At the end of the year you would have an entire bookcase full of words. In a lifetime, you'd fill a library. Wow! That is a tremendous number of words.

Look at what Jesus said about words—they either justify you or condemn you. We should be careful about the words we use because words are important. With that in mind, I would like to share with you four thoughts.

Thought number one—words are revealing. Words reveal what you are down in your heart. In verse 35 of this same chapter, Jesus informs us that a good man out of the

treasure of his heart brings out good things and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil things. He is referring to the words that one speaks. If you listen to a person for any length of time you will be able to determine what is in his heart. We speak with our lips what we think in our hearts.

Thought number two—words can be revolting. In the day and time in which we live you can hear the most revolting words come out of the mouths of people—some of whom profess to be Christians. I read about a mule who tried to look like a horse, he clipped his ears to look like a horse, he tried to walk like a horse, he closely resembled a horse—until he opened his mouth and Hee-Hawed—and everyone knew he was a mule. In like manner, the talk some folks handle betrays them.

Thought number three—words can be rejoicing. Words can be used to rejoice in the Lord but

they can also be used to encourage other folks and they will rejoice. In his book, "A Love Worth Giving," Max Lucado makes this analogy: "Your words are to the soul what vitamins are to the body. If you had food and saw someone starving, would you not share it? If you had water and saw someone dying of thirst, would you not give it? Of course you would. Then won't you do the same for their hearts? Your words are food and water! Do not withhold them from those who are discouraged." That is pretty good advice.

Thought number four—words should be restrained. In verse 36 Jesus warns us about giving account for our words. Do you remember the little children's song we used to teach our children? Be careful little lips what you say, be careful little lips what you say. There's a Father up above looking down in tender love, so be careful little lips what you say.

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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# Lions Club honored for vision screening

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Lions Club has been honored for its efforts to provide vision screening for area children.

The club recently received a letter from Dr. Edward V. Cordes, Chair of the Lions KidSight USA Foundation.

“Congratulations on being a Lions KidSight USA Top Ten Club Award Winner,” Cordes wrote to the club.

“Your Lions Club has shown exemplary dedication to ensuring the children in your area receive the quality vision screening for which Lions are known. Your achievement is especially notable as the Lions in your club stepped up to screen children during the challenging COVID recovery.

“Many children have had their lives positively changed by being identified by you as

needing professional eye care. These children will now have the visual tools to achieve their full potential in school as well as their future adult lives.”

Abbeville Lions Club president Sandi Hood read the letter aloud at a recent Lions Club meeting, and displayed a banner patch provided through the Foundation in conjunction with the award.

“Lions KidSight USA is a nationwide program bringing Lions clubs across the country together to ensure our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed,” according to the Lions KidSight USA Website.

The Abbeville Lions Club currently has 26 members, Hood said Friday.

The club’s secretary/trea-

surer, Lion Rick Pressly, provided a profile of the club’s vision screening service.

Club members have screened so far this school year 1, 253 students in Abbeville County, according to Pressly.

“In lower Anderson County (Starr Iva) we screened 1, 575,” he said. “In Greenville County, up in the Landrum area, we have screened 964 students, and out at John de la Howe we screened 58.”

In Woodruff, in Spartanburg County, 1,296 students were screened—for a grand total of 5, 146 students screened so far this school year.

Out of those screened, there were 686 students referred for complete eye exams, he said.

The Abbeville Lions Club has been honored for its efforts to provide vision screening for area children. The club recently received a letter from Dr. Edward V. Cordes, Chair of the Lions KidSight USA Foundation. Lions Club president Sandi Hood here holds up the prized letter and the banner patch which accompanied it. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# SCORE has small business guidance

By Henry E. Green

Fail to plan, and plan to fail, they say.

And a plan may start out as something sketched on a cocktail napkin.

Within the Small Business Administration, there is an all volunteer organization made up of business people who serve as mentors to people who want to start small businesses or who want to improve the businesses they have, according to a brochure from the organization.

It’s called SCORE, and here in the Upstate, there is a Greenville-based office of volunteers, all aiming to help small businesses succeed through small business advice, local workshops and online mentoring.

Marjorie Luke, administrator of SCORE of the Piedmont, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the organization and what it has to offer.

SCORE is America’s premier small business organization, a nonprofit organization which is the leading source of free and confidential business advice.

SCORE helps entrepreneurs and small businesses achieve success through mentoring, workshops and the harnessing of resources.

Since 1964, nationwide SCORE volunteers, including both working and business professionals have helped more than nine million clients.

Volunteers have a wealth of experience, in realms ranging from private industry to government to the military.

As a volunteer, one may provide free one-on-one mentoring, lead low-cost workshops, or provide online coaching.

Luke noted that SCORE has a presence in this part of South Carolina. “We

serve all 11 counties in the Upstate,” he said. “In Greenville we have 45 volunteers.”

They are among 8,000 SCORE volunteers in the United States. Here in the Abbeville County area, there is one volunteer in Greenwood.

“We bring a lot of resources to bear,” she said.

It is all in the name of guiding people in their business plans. “We do a lot of listening,” she said.

Sixty percent of the clients never actually start small businesses—they come to the conclusion that they are better off without them.

“SCORE has had an amazing impact on the small business community,” she said. “We are busier than ever. We will be busy for a long, long time.”

To learn more about becoming a SCORE volunteer, one may call 1-800-634-0245.



Marjorie Luke, administrator of SCORE of the Piedmont, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the organization and what it has to offer. She joined Abbeville Rotary Club president Matthew Johnson for a picture following the meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Reverence

## Abbeville’s Main Street United Methodist joins in World Day of Prayer

By Henry E. Green

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

—John 13:13-14

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing,” said Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville recently had an event in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer on March 4—an event quite in tune with the words of the civil rights icon.

On the afternoon of Friday, March 4, Main Street opened its doors to the community, and welcomed people to come in and pray.

Those who accepted the invitation were given printed prayer guides, featuring prayer-related passages of Scripture.

“We have five stations throughout the Sanctuary to help guide you through prayer but you’re welcome

to come and go as you wish,” the prayer guide stated.

Visitors were encouraged to sit among the pews and pray silently for a variety of different concerns.

These included “prayers of the people”, including prayers reflecting personal concerns, as well as prayers for the work of the church around the world, and prayers for local, national, and world leaders, prayers for America and those for the ministries of local churches.

Each kind of prayer carried with it its own realm of concerns. The prayers for the work of the church kept in mind people who did not have the freedom to worship freely, those who are persecuted, and those who are spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Prayers were also in line for leaders on a variety of different levels.

“Although our citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20) we are called to salt and light in the world,” the prayer guide stated.

America, too, was part of the scene. “We are living in

uncertain times,” the prayer guide stated. “Pressures and conflict tend to be at what feels like an all-time high. But, the Lord knows. He has not forsaken us. Let’s pray for our country, our community and our families.”

The Day of Prayer at Main Street was held in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer, which is celebrated on the first Friday in March every year.

Main Street UMC, meanwhile, is located at the corner of North Main and East Pinckney in the city of Abbeville.

“The founder of Methodism in Abbeville” was Ann Fisher Moore, and the Main Street sanctuary was dedicated in 1888, according to the church Website.

Main Street UMC pastor Rev. Brandon Fulmer said Tuesday that a total of 18 people visited the church for the Day of Prayer.

He added that there are plans for the church to participate in the National Day of Prayer on May 5.



The Abbeville County Democratic Party held its annual convention Saturday at the Abbeville Civic Center, and Brenda Philips Anderson was reelected chairperson. Other officers elected included the following: Dr. Bob Phillips, 1st Vice-President; William Arnold, 2nd Vice-president; Terrico Holland - 3rd Vice-President; Ethelene Belcher - Secretary; Mary Lou Edens - Treasurer; State Executive Committeemen - Joe Bryson, State Executive Committeewoman - Remle Johnson. Terrico Holland, Mayor of Calhoun Falls, was the keynote speaker, and remarks were also provided by Paul Merlo, Upstate representative for Joe Cunningham, and Catherine Bruce Fleming of Lexington, SC, candidate for U.S. Senate. Anderson (left) posed for a photo with Merlo (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Town of Calhoun Falls has new Clerk

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls has a new Town Clerk, Wendi Alewine, according to Christine Long, a Calhoun Falls Town Council member.

Alewine is the wife of former police chief Mike Alewine. She started work in her new post on Tuesday, March

1, Long said Tuesday.

As Town Clerk, Alewine will perform various clerical duties, including taking minutes at Town Council meetings. She will also work with payroll for Town employees.

“She will work closely with the Mayor” on Town records,

Long continued.

A resident of Calhoun Falls, Alewine will also work with Town staffers at Calhoun Falls Town Hall, including the Town’s utility clerk, Jamie Willoughby, and clerk of court Kelly Hoover.

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# Dixie senior signs with EC for Quiz Bowl



Harvee Patel (seated) has signed with Erskine as a participant of the college's Quiz Bowl team. Dixie principal Paul Prescott and junior and senior counselor Caroline McKinsey looked on during a recent signing ceremony. (Contributed photo)

**By Henry E. Green**  
Dixie High School senior Harvee Patel has signed with Erskine to participate on Erskine College's quiz bowl team. Erskine competes with other colleges in Quiz Bowl tournaments, and Patel will be one of the Erskine team members, said Caroline McKinsey, junior and senior counselor at Dixie. At Dixie Patel shines academically, ranking near the top of her class, McKinsey

said. Patel has spent her junior and senior years at Dixie, where she transferred from Emerald High School. She has already begun taking college courses at Erskine, and has completed all of her graduation requirements at Dixie, where she is expected to graduate in May, McKinsey said. At Dixie, Harvee has participated in HOSA, an organization for students planning to pursue careers in health

sciences, and she also has participated with Dixie's academic team, which is very similar to a Quiz Bowl team. Dixie's team, for which Dixie English teacher Kaitlin Bentley, serves as the advisor, competes with those of other high schools, with students answering questions on a variety of subjects, from mathematics to history. Erskine signed its first Quiz Bowl recruit back in 2021, according to reports.

# Historical Society house needs repairs

**By Henry E. Green**  
The McGowan Barksdale Bundy House, the headquarters of the Abbeville County Historical Society, is very much in need of repair. "The Abbeville Co Historical Society is facing major expenses in repairs!" said Bill Rogers, a Society board member. "Our four 1888 chimneys are falling on the house and damaging the roof. However, the roof was already leaking. All four chimneys must be reworked before a new roof can be put on. The roof, which is close to 30 years old, is leaking badly and has damaged both the interior painting and plaster; rain drips on hardwood floors and buckets are constantly moved to leak sites."

Also, the tin roof on the solarium in the back is leaking and must be replaced. While the front porch roof is "holding up nicely," almost all interior rooms need repainting. "We also need nice interior window treatment," he said. There are other issues concerning the house, which is located on North Main in Abbeville. "There is no HVAC on the second floor, which is not good for our historic collections; it makes winter and summer tours almost unbearable for docents and tourists," he said. "Lack of moisture control also negatively affects both paint and old plaster. "On the outside, part of the back has never had the remainder of the siding removed, which is bad for the wood and will trap moisture," he continued. "There are some areas where the house has not been painted

in the back in years." The solarium has two windows that are only about 20 years old, but the wood on the windows is soft and rotting, and those windows need replacement. "In addition we need gutters and French drains to help decant water away from the house", he said. New garage doors are also in the scope of work, and the serpentine porch railing in front of the right turret has rotted, according to Rogers. Dating from 1888, the house was built by William McGowan, who fought in the Mexican War and the Civil War, and following the Civil War he became a member of the South Carolina Supreme Court. During a portion of its long history, it was also home to World War II general W.E. Barksdale, and J.D. Bundy donated the house to the Society in 1989. The house is also home to a railroad museum, celebrating the role of the railroad in Abbeville County history, and on the grounds there is an old caboose. Other displays at the house include those of old uniforms and flags, and old photographs as well.

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# DSS Recognizes March as Social Work Month

**Submitted by SC Department of Social Services**  
March 1, 2022 - COLUMBIA, SC – Governor Henry McMaster has proclaimed March as Social Work Month in South Carolina. The national theme for this year's observance, as created by the National Association of Social Workers, is The Time is Right for Social Work. During the month of March, DSS is celebrating the many valuable contributions social workers make in our communities on a daily basis. Individuals answer the call of service to become social workers because they have a strong desire to help others. According to the National Association of Social Workers, there are more than 715,000 professional social workers in the United

States and that number is expected to rise to more than 800,000 by 2030. DSS State Director Michael Leach said, "To our professionals, social work is more than a job, it is a duty, a service to our communities and is a true calling. Social workers are special because they have a passion and a desire to serve others. They are selfless and compassionate. They help families not only with services, but they are also there to be a shoulder to lean on. They work with families every step of the way to create better outcomes for all involved." "Social workers should be recognized for their sacrifice and perseverance to make sure that the individuals and families of South Carolina can be served and strengthened. Thank you for giving it your all, daily to protect,

serve, and improve the lives of others," Leach added. DSS case managers provide social work services and support to the community in a variety of ways including foster care services, child protective services, employment and training services, adoption and adult protective services. DSS also employs staff who provide administrative support to those workers. DSS will post videos and stories about the impact of its work in service to South Carolina's citizens on social media throughout the entire month. Please visit us on Facebook and Twitter. The Department of Social Services currently has job openings for case managers and a variety of other positions. For more information visit <https://dss.sc.gov/about/https://>

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- First cradles
- Lifeboat support
- \*Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi nominee
- Type of tide
- Not so crazy
- Extremist
- "King Richard" nominee, once a fresh prince
- Give an impression
- Land of Israel
- Shenanigan
- Remove claws
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- Waiting on the phone (2 words)
- Eagle's nest
- Like the Incredibles
- Backside
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- Formerly Facebook
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- Colonel or captain
- Gangster's gun
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- And so on acronym
- Took the Kool-Aid



## US House of Representatives

### Rep. Duncan Leads in Filing Discharge Petition Regarding CMS COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

Submitted by  
Congressman  
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.— On Monday, Congressman Jeff Duncan filed a discharge petition for his Congressional Review Act, H.J. Res. 67, to be brought to the House floor for a vote. This legislation would nullify Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers in federally funded medical facilities.

"Our healthcare workers deserve the right to make the personal decision about

whether or not to receive the COVID-19 shot, and we are fighting to preserve the medical freedom afforded to all Americans," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "This arbitrary and overbearing mandate is irresponsible, reckless, will exacerbate the nationwide healthcare worker shortage, and could end up costing lives instead of saving them.

The Biden Administration has failed to consider the negative implications of such an overreaching mandate on our nation's

healthcare system."

"Americans should never be forced to choose between receiving a government-imposed shot or losing their livelihood," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "I encourage my colleagues to sign my discharge petition and bring this resolution before Congress for a vote to protect the medical freedom of the heroes who served on the frontlines during the pandemic who are now being told to get the shot or get out."



### Scott, Graham, Colleagues Push For Expanded Domestic Energy Production In Letter To Biden

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) sent a letter to President Biden this week calling on him to reclaim American energy independence by approving the Keystone XL Pipeline and opening up federal lands to energy producers to increase domestic energy production in the face of Russian aggression in Ukraine.

"The world is in peril and we would like to work in a bipartisan manner to meet the challenges of our time," wrote the senators. "In the area of energy independence, we have lost ground. Opening up American oil and gas deposits, and in particular approving the Keystone XL Pipeline, would benefit our allies suffering under Russian tyranny and American consumers facing steadily increasing prices at the pump."

The senators highlighted that, while domestic oil production doubled in the last decade, President Biden has taken actions that have

backpedaled America's energy independence. These actions include President Biden's executive orders revoking a previously approved permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline and pausing new oil and natural gas leases on public lands and offshore water, resulting in the United States purchasing on average 670,000 barrels of Russian oil per day to meet our domestic needs.

"Through smart energy production, we can fulfill our energy needs while simultaneously exporting oil and gas to our allies," wrote the senators. "Low carbon technologies are worth investing in; however, the reality of the moment is that America is increasingly reliant on imports of foreign oil. The spike in oil price is a result of Russia's incursion into Ukraine, which benefits the Putin regime and hurts American consumers."

"We urge you to lead the world in sanctioning Russia's oil and gas sector, which makes up almost

40% of their revenue," concluded the senators. "We must reverse course and hit Russia's energy sector for Putin's outrage against Ukraine and other atrocities. Further, we encourage you to reconsider the Keystone Pipeline and work with energy producers to responsibly increase oil and gas production at home. These actions will lessen the impact of increasing energy costs on American consumers and strike a blow against Putin."

The letter was also signed by Senators Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), and Rob Portman (R-Ohio). a historic step towards the first federal anti-lynching law in the United States.



SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell

## Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell  
Legislative Summary  
March 4, 2022

On Monday I attended a Greenwood County Legislative Delegation meeting, and spoke that evening to the Abbeville Republic Party. On Wednesday I attended an Anderson-Oconee Delegation meeting in Columbia.

This week in the Senate, it was a pleasure to welcome Clemson University to the State House for the annual Clemson Day. It was a pleasure to see Coach Swinney and some of his top players.

Soccer Head Coach Mike Noonan and some of his 2021 Men's Soccer National Champions were also present.

Wednesday was Disability Advocacy Day at the State House. I was honored to be visited by residents and staff from the Burton Center in Greenwood. The Burton Center serves the Greenwood, Abbeville, Edgefield, McCormick, Saluda and Laurens County areas, and work with those who have autism, intellectual disability, spinal cord injury, trau-

matic brain injury and other related disabilities. We salute those who serve and care for these South Carolinians across the state.

We passed a bill which would allow law enforcement to charge those who sell drugs with drug-induced homicide in the event a death results from those drugs. We are working on a bill dealing with trafficking in Fentanyl, a deadly drug that is also often mixed into other illegal drugs.

The Senate passed a Resolution expressing the strong belief of the South Carolina General Assembly that the Russian Invasion of Ukraine must end, and to express support for the people and government of Ukraine in fighting its independence. This was sent to the House to be voted on as a Concurrent Resolution. We set for Special Order H.3205, the legislation authorizing a Constitutional Convention. Setting this bill for Special Order means no other bill can be taken up for floor debate in front of H.3205.

I currently serve on the Senate Finance Committee, and on two of its Standing Subcommittees: the Finance Natural Resources & Economic Development Subcommittee and the Finance Transportation and Regulatory Budget Subcommittee. Meetings are underway in all Finance subcommittees in preparation for the State Budget. We expect to ramp up these meetings and have a Budget for Senate consideration in a few weeks.

Anderson welcomed the 2022 Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series Championship at Richard B. Russell Lake on March 2 and 3rd. Wonderful for our area to have such a great event right in our own backyard.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, S. C. 29654, 864-844-3614; or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address: Mike.Gambrell@scsenate.gov.

## Scott, Colleagues Urge Treasury to Support Automobile Industry

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) led a group of his Republican colleagues in urging the U.S. Department of the Treasury to use its existing authority to provide temporary and targeted relief to the automobile industry, as dealerships struggle with inflation and inventory shortages amidst ongoing supply chain disruptions.

"As the country continues to confront severe supply-chain disruptions, we write to express strong concerns that the Treasury Department has yet to use its existing authority to provide timely relief to auto retailers

using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method of inventory accounting," the senators wrote. "Treasury's inaction comes despite the unprecedented pandemic-related interruption of global supply chains that is severely curtailing vehicle production due to the ongoing shortage of semiconductors."

Cosigning the letter were senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), John Thune (R-S.D.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), John Barasso (R-Wyo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Rob

Portman (R-Ohio), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), and James Inhofe (R-Okla.).

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am asking for other concerned citizens in addition to myself.

Suggestion: There are a large amount of Abbeville City taxpayers that may not be able to attend the monthly Council meetings for several reasons: health issues, employment, family activities, dinner time, the list goes on and on. Even if one calls in on the phone to listen, the ability to hear what is being said is almost impossible. There are so many decisions made that WE would like to have a voice in or at least be informed as to how the final decisions are made. Also, with the representatives NOT listing their contact information on the City website, it is impossible to contact our own representative and ask what and why decisions

are made. The ONLY ones who have contact information on the website are Matt Gambrell (who has both phone and email listed) and Benji Greeson who has his email listed.

I wonder if the Press and Banner would have a section in their paper (and online) with questions directed to the Council by those of us who are uninformed and if our Mayor and City Manager would be willing to answer questions that are presented each week?

For example: •Who/Why/What was the decision to put HUMPS down on certain streets. Was there a survey done? What exactly was the cost of each HUMP?

•Why new sidewalks on Adams Street instead of Historic areas? Was there an actual list made of ALL streets and their sidewalk conditions and the number

of people who walk on those sidewalks? There are numerous people who walk daily in the downtown area and some (most) of these walkways are in dangerous conditions.

• Why is the side wall on the old WZLA Radio Station an eyesore? Has anyone on city council NOT noticed it being unattractive? Not a very friendly GREETING to visitors or taxpayers for our precious little town.

• Why \$40 for the Spring Festival 40th anniversary? Why do we need a \$1600 goal? I'm completely baffled by this fundraiser. Was our Spring Festival last year in the RED?

• We voted against the library getting \$50,000 so why have they now been given \$110,000? We just want to know exactly what this will be used for.

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Janet Somero Smith

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# Community calendar

## DWLC Continues Support of Due West Area Elementary Schools—

The Due West Lions Club annually supports the elementary schools in its area, Cherokee Trail and Diamond Hill Elementary, with financial gifts and Terrific Kids certificates. Although the pandemic has placed the "Terrific Kids" tradition on hold, the financial contributions have continued. DWLC Treasurer Conway Shirley presents checks to Cherokee Trail Principal Donald Clendanie. The schools are among more than 20 local charities supported by the Due West Lions Club. (Due West Lions Club Photos)



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## Job fair planned

Piedmont Technical College (PTC) and SC Works/Upper Savannah are hosting a job fair on Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Medford Family Event Center in Greenwood. More than 50 employers from Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda counties are expected.

Companies that will be actively recruiting at the job fair include AnMed Health, BMW Manufacturing, City of Greenwood Police Department, Diana Pet Food, Eaton, Greenwood School District 50, Lonza, Prisma

Health, Samsung, Self Regional Healthcare, ZF Transmissions, and many more.

Attendees are encouraged to bring plenty of resumes and to dress as if they were going to an actual job interview because they will be meeting employers face-to-face.

## Library board to meet

The Board of Trustees of the Abbeville County Library System will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15 at 4 p.m. at the main branch of the Library at 1407 North Main Street, Abbeville, South Carolina.

## Guild plans workshop

The Abbeville Artist Guild's

next workshop will be Saturday, April 30 with Jim Brinson on color theory and composition.

"Jim has taught on the university level," a Guild spokesman said. "It will be hands on mixing and learning colors and composition. This workshop will be held at the Abbeville Civic Center from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost is \$35 for non-AAG members and \$25 for AAG members. All materials and supplies will be furnished. Bring your lunch if you want. If you are interested, contact us at abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com, or call 864-366-5881."

# Obituaries

## Scott

Annie M. Scott, 90, of Elberton, GA, wife of the late James A. Scott, died Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Pruitt Health Spring Valley Nursing Home in Elberton, GA. She was born in Calhoun Falls, SC to the late Theopolis Decatur Morrow and Ruth Shiflet Morrow.

A dedicated homemaker, she enjoyed gardening, cooking and appreciated the beauty of flowers. Mrs. Scott also was fond of all animals. She held her family close to her heart. Time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was precious to her.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, James A. Scott, Jr. and Edward Allen Scott; a



Annie Scott

brother, James D. Morrow; and a sister, Leona Davis.

Mrs. Scott is survived by a brother, Thomas Eugene Morrow of McCormick County, SC; two sisters, Sue Wallace and Delma Jones, both of Elberton, GA; a daughter-in-law,

Susan Scott; four grandchildren, Bob Scott (Tish), Daniel Scott (Justin), Ken Scott and Holly Atkinson; ten great-grandchildren, Makala, Morgan, Chloe, Courtney, Abby, Claire, Kasen, Jaxson, Bryce and Brenley; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were 11:00AM, Saturday, March 5, 2022, in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, 2699 Highway 72 W, Abbeville, SC 29620 with Rev. Stan Colbert officiating.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Calhoun Falls Chapel is assisting the Scott family.

# Obituaries

## Ferguson

Janice Parnell Ferguson, 63, of Abbeville, wife of the late Harold D. Ferguson, died Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Self Regional Healthcare. She was born in Lowndesville to the late Edward Walker Parnell and Sara Waters Parnell.

Mrs. Ferguson, a 1976 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School, began her work career at Flexible Tubing and retired from the S.C. Department of Corrections Leath Facility after 25 years of dedicated service. She has been a member of Lowndesville Pentecostal Holiness Church since the early 70's. Mrs. Ferguson enjoyed spending time with her pet, 'Scooter', family, traveling to the mountains and beaches. She faithfully and lovingly cared for her sister, 'Mickie', for the past ten years.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward 'RePete'



Janice Parnell Ferguson

Parnell and James 'Onion' Parnell.

Surviving Mrs. Ferguson are her two children, Samuel E. Ferguson, III (Jennifer) and Jamie Ferguson Risner (Jack) all of Abbeville; two brothers, Carl William Parnell (Janice) and Rick Parnell (Marilyn), all of Iva; three sisters, Betty Jean 'Mickie' Morrow of Calhoun Falls, Sara Frances Payton (Donnie) of Iva and Sue Lunsford (Tom) of Hartwell,

GA; four grandchildren, Sarah Beth, Sydney, Jacob, and Josh Ferguson; and her beloved fur baby, Scooter.

The family received friends from 5:00PM - 7:00PM, Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Harris Funeral Home. Funeral Services were 2:00PM, Sunday, March 6, 2022, in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Scotly Willoughby officiating. Burial followed in Melrose Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Ferguson, may be sent to the Abbeville High School Football Program, 701 Washington St., Abbeville, SC 29620.

The family is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com)

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Ferguson family.

# Obituaries

## Wiley

John Christopher "Chris" Wiley, 58, husband of Lisa DeVito Wiley, died Friday, February 25, 2022 at Self Regional Medical Center.

Born in Abbeville, May 2, 1963, he was a son of J.C. Wiley and the late Kathryn Hawthorne Wiley. He was a graduate of Westside Christian School in Abbeville and Piedmont Technical College earning two degrees in Electrical/Electronics and Engineering Graphics Technology. Chris was the founder, brew-master and co-owner, along with his wife Lisa of Wiley n Wife Brewing Co. He recently retired



John Christopher 'Chris' Wiley

from Fuji Photo Film after 21 years of service.

Surviving in addition to his wife of the home is his father and his sister Molly Roberts, both of Abbeville.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 2PM from the Blyth Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following the service

Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Greenwood, PO Box 49776, Greenwood, SC 29649.

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Greenwood is assisting the Wiley family.

## Harvey

Our beloved Adam C. Harvey died at the age of 23. He was born in Greenwood to Rachael Harvey and will always be immensely treasured.

Adam attended the Elite Home Care and Day Center in Greenwood. He had a fondness for all things military and often wore camouflage clothing. Adam was an outdoorsman enjoying time spent with nature. Though he was autistic, Adam eagerly accepted new challenges. He had a very caring personality, always eager to help his family, friends and neighbors, wanting to make everyone happy. Adam was loved and will be missed and remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Adam C. Harvey

Adam is survived by his mother, Rachael Harvey (Charlie Beasley) and his sister, Cheyenne Beasley all of Abbeville; and a number of extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be

held 2:00PM, Friday, March 11, 2022 at Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. Jason Wilson officiating. The family requests that everyone attending wear camouflage or something blue, the color which represents autism. A private burial will be in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Adam, may be sent to the SC Autism Society, 806 12th Street, West Columbia, SC 29169.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Harvey family.

# Obituaries

## Smith

Jedediah "Jed" Andrew Smith, 30 was called home on February 23, 2022 at his home in Watford City, ND. Originally from Abbeville, SC he was born at Abbeville County Memorial Hospital May 15, 1991 to Andy Smith and Theresa Gale Mabry, of Abbeville.

Jed graduated from Abbeville High School in 2009. He worked as a Welder/Fitter/Fabricator until 2011 when nature called. He traveled to Livingston, Montana where he secured a job with Black Otter Outfitters as a hunting guide. In 2014, Jed set out on his own journey leading him to Watford City, ND where he embarked on a career in the oil fields. He was employed by Panther as a Pressure Tester for 6 years.

He was introduced to hunting & outdoors at the age of 2 by his daddy. He never lost his passion for hunting, fishing, or being outside. Jed loved to share his knowledge of

the outdoors with anyone that would listen. Jed was loved and admired by many. Having an infectious laugh and full supply of "bear hugs". He loved nothing more than being with family and friends, hunting, or just being outside. He was well known for his dependability and work ethic.

Jed leaves behind a loving companion Abigail Carpenter, daughter Ember Moon Smith (3) & a special blessing on the way. He was the Grandson of Julius & Gale King and James Rivers Mabry all of Abbeville, SC Paternal grandparents Dennis Smith of Elberton, Ga and Diane Smith of Greenwood, SC. Nephew to Susan Mabry Thompson, Melody and Stuart Coursey all of Abbeville, SC. and Krista Woolard of Greenwood, SC. Cousins Kale and Cody Thompson, Zane Coursey all of Abbeville, SC. Jacob Coursey of Panama City, Fla., Christopher Butler of Watford City, ND & Savanna

Butler of Greenwood, SC.

A memorial in honor of Jed took place at the Civic Center in Watford City, ND where his mother, father, and Abigail were presented his work uniform, boots and hard hat in a customized shadow box.

Visitation will be Saturday March 12, 2022 at 1100 at Chandler Jackson Funeral Home. A bonfire Celebration of Life for friends and family to pay tribute and share stories will be held Saturday March 12, 2022 7PM at the home of Stuart and Melody Coursey 910 Old DOuglas Mill Rd. Abbeville, SC.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to an account at Abbeville Community Federal Credit Union. Or donate: Venmo: [inlovingmemoryofjed](https://www.venmo.com/inlovingmemoryofjed)

Chandler Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, is assisting the Smith family.



## AHS, Dixie tangle in baseball action

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville and Dixie tangled in varsity baseball Monday night, and Abbeville won, 4-0.

The varsity pitchers were Hunter Satterfield, and Staten Rice for Dixie, and for Abbeville, Hunter Overholt was on the mound.

Overholt was the winning pitcher in the varsity game, striking out 13 batters, and walking three. He gave up two hits, according to AHS coach Daniel Little.

Meanwhile, AHS pounded out five hits. Jackson Uldrick

had a two-run single, Trent Delgado had a double, and Rusty Chappell had an RBI single.

AHS scored three runs in the fourth and one in the fifth, Little went on to say.

This was a non-Region game, with AHS and Dixie having a friendly rivalry.

"We've got a lot of respect for them, and I think it goes both ways," he said.

He praised Dixie coach Michael Turner for the good job he was doing with the Hornet baseball team, and he noted that Hornets and

Panthers get along.

Little was pleased with the victory Monday night.

"We played solid baseball," he said, noting that the Panthers threw strikes and had timely hitting. "It was a good win."

Dixie and AHS jayvees also played, and Dixie won the JV game 13-8 Monday night.

AHS hosts Ware Shoals on Thursday at 7 p.m., and Clinton on Friday, also at 7 p.m., Little went on to say.



The Abbeville High School varsity basketball team defeated Chesnee in the first round of the playoffs, and then Saluda in the second, and these AHS cheerleaders helped rouse the Panther faithful. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Well done

*Dixie High School wrestlers do well in individual competition*

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School wrestling team has completed a most successful season, according to Hornet head wrestling coach Anthony Martin.

The team did very well in the post-season, according to Martin.

"We had four kids qualify for state," he said.

Davis Smalley finished as high as sixth place in the state in the 126 pound weight division.

Also qualifying for the top eight places in the state

were Andrew Stoltzfus, Josh Miller and Charlie Humphries.

They were all part of the individual competitions which took place at the Anderson Civic Center after the team competition activity in mid-February.

As a team, the Hornets made it to the final eight in the state in the 1A/2A classification.

The Hornets had a bye in the first round, and in the second round they beat Chesnee, before losing to Crescent in the third round.

Martin, who is in his second year as head coach, is definitely not unhappy with how the season turned out.

"I was very pleased," he said.

For a program that is only in its second year of existence to reach the top eight in the state--well, in Martin's words "it's amazing."

The future, meanwhile, looks bright. The Hornets, according to the coach, lose only two starters, and coming back will be kids with considerable experience.

## AHS starting regular season in softball

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School varsity softball team kicks off its regular season this week, according to Lady Panther head coach Tim Collins.

The Lady Panthers, who went to the playoffs last year, have a number of returning players, but will have to replace several key players this year, said AHS head softball coach Tim Collins.

Abbeville went 2-1 in the Camden preseason tourna-

ment, where they defeated Batesburg-Leesville 14-4, and Andrew Jackson 5-1, before losing to Gray Collegiate 3-1.

The Lady Panthers were slated to open their regular season on March 8, when they were to host Batesburg-Leesville.

This was slated as a JV/varsity double header starting at 5 p.m., Collins continued.

Crescent and Ninety Six

figure to be the Region favorites this year, said Collins, who is in his 21st season at Abbeville High School.

AHS was slated to play Dixie this past Wednesday night in a Greenwood Christian tournament.

Abbeville lost to Crescent in the playoffs last year, said an AHS fan, who noted that the Tigers and the Panthers have become fierce rivals.

## Dixie defeats AHS in softball, 5-2

By Henry E. Green

Dixie defeated Abbeville 5-2 in varsity softball action Wednesday night in a tournament at Greenwood Christian, said Dixie High School head softball coach Samantha Ferguson Thursday.

Dixie led the entire game, scoring three runs in the first inning, and two more in the third, while the Lady Panthers scored two in the fourth.

The winning pitcher was Dixie's Gillian Hughes, who struck out seven batters, and walked two, and she only

allowed two hits, according to the coach.

Caylee Brown pitched for Abbeville, and she had 10 strike-outs, walking one, and allowed seven hits, Ferguson said.

Leading the way on offense for Dixie was Weslyn Bensen, who had two hits, and who went two for three.

Mati Cox also had two hits, and Ashton Crocker was one for three. Hailey Hill was one for two, and Addie Smith was one for two.

The Lady Hornets were slated to open their regular season this past Monday,

with Dixie set to go to Union Day School.

Dixie was scheduled to go to Whitmire yesterday for the first of three Region games this week.

The Lady Hornets were slated to go to Ware Shoals on March 10 at 5 p.m., and will host Calhoun Falls on March 11 at 5 p.m., the coach said.

Ferguson, who is in her first year of coaching the Lady Hornets, was immensely pleased with the victory over Abbeville, as it represented her first win as head coach.

## Boys soccer

## Dixie Hornets have much experience

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School varsity boys soccer team is beginning another season, with a large number of players coming back from last year, said Dixie varsity boys soccer coach Brian Gamble.

Dixie's record last year was 12-10, and the Hornets made it to the playoffs, finishing second in the Upper State and losing to current state champion Southside Christian, Gamble said.

"We have 12 returning players from last year," eight of whom are starters, he said.

Newcomers that are starting include Adrian Hershberger, Breeden Crawford, and Palmer Patrick.

The starting 11 are goalkeeper Alex Hershberger, centerback Marshall Dunn, centerback John Suddeth, fullback Andrew Hershberger, fullback Breeden Crawford, "center defensive mid" Palmer Patrick, left wing Austin Wilson, center mid Adrian Hershberger, striker Luke Morales, center attacking mid Andrew Nickles, and right wing Blayke Whitfield.

The Hornets as of Friday were 3-0, having beaten Brashier Middle College 1-0, High Point Academy 4-0, and Batesburg-Leesville 8-7.

"This year's team is expected to be improved simply through being a year older and a year's

experience behind them," Gamble said.

Weaknesses? "We are still somewhat underclass-laden, with only three seniors," he said.

The Hornets, including both the varsity and junior varsity teams, were slated to host Crescent yesterday, before traveling to T. L. Hanna today, with the JVs playing at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity at 7 p.m.

The Hornets will host Pendleton Friday, with the jayvees playing at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity squad at 7 p.m.

"Our JV is being coached by Brandon Nance and they won their first game over Batesburg Leesville 2-0," the coach continued.

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# Fleet lose two heartbreakers to begin Fleet/Bearcat Tournament

Submitted by  
Erskine Athletics  
Department

DUE WEST, S.C. – The Erskine College softball team (2-6) lost a pair of close games to begin its weekend in the Fleet/Bearcat Tournament at the Erskine Softball Complex on Friday afternoon. Carson-Newman University (15-3) rallied past the Fleet in extra innings, 11-9, in Game 1, and Georgia Southwestern State University (10-4) scored late to down the Fleet, 7-6, in Game 2 of the day.

Carson-Newman leads the all-time series over Erskine, 19-8, while Friday marked the first ever meeting for Erskine with Georgia Southwestern.

GAME 1: Carson Newman 11-9 Erskine (Final / 8 innings)

After working around a one-out single in the top of the first inning, Kelci Brown led off the bottom half by drawing a leadoff walk. Brown stole second and Erskine batters drew three more walks in the inning, the last being by Aly Salois, which allowed Brown to jog home and give Erskine an early 1-0 lead. The Fleet kept Carson-Newman quiet and added to their lead in the third inning. Kyndall Chandler singled to left center field to double Erskine's lead before Salois drove in two more runs with a single back up the middle as Erskine led 4-0 after three innings. Carson-Newman got a run back in the top of the fourth

inning on a solo home run, but Faith Belue led off the bottom half of the inning with a solo blast of her own to put Erskine back ahead by four runs, 5-1. But, the Eagles scored five times on two swings of the bat in the next half inning and took their first lead of the game, 6-5. Again, Erskine responded in the bottom half of the frame, this time via a Katie Hunter sacrifice fly to tie the game at 6 after five innings. Shi Cain launched a go-ahead, two-run home run in the sixth inning to put Erskine back in front, 8-6, needing just three outs to seal the victory. Down to its last out, Carson-Newman's Leah Sohm hit a bases-clearing triple to put the Eagles back ahead, 9-8. However, Brooke Patterson tied the game in the bottom half with a solo home run, sending the game to extra innings. The Eagles scored twice in their half of the eighth and the Fleet were unable to score, giving Carson-Newman an extra-inning win, 11-9.

GAME 2: Georgia Southwestern 7-6 Erskine (Final / 6 innings)

Georgia Southwestern came flying out of the gates in the final game of the day, scoring twice in the first and third innings to take a 4-0 lead. But, Erskine began the bottom of the third inning with a pair of walks before back-to-back singles from Sydney McInnis and Shi Cain split the Hurricanes lead in half, 4-2. And Erskine wasn't done in the inning. Kyndall Chandler tied the

game with a two-run double and freshman Maddie Ingram followed with her first collegiate home run to put Erskine in front, 6-4 after three innings. Kaley Ingle came on for the Fleet and worked a scoreless fourth inning, but Georgia Southwestern scored three times in the fifth to back in front, 7-6. The Fleet had the bases loaded with just one out in the bottom half of the frame but were unable to score. Ingle worked around a pair of singles in the top of the sixth and Cain roped a two-out double in the bottom half but was stranded there as the game was called due to darkness after six innings, giving Georgia Southwestern a 7-6 win.

Shi Cain went a combined 4-for-8 on the day with a double and a home run, the big fly being a go-ahead two-run blast in the sixth inning against Carson-Newman. Kyndall Chandler was also a perfect 5-for-5 at the plate.

Erskine wraps up the weekend tournament with two more games on Saturday afternoon. The Fleet take on Coker University (9-9) at 1:00 p.m. before a bout with No. 11 Lincoln Memorial University (11-4) at 3:30 p.m.

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# Girls soccer flourishing at Dixie

By Henry E. Green

Who would deny that soccer is alive and well at Dixie? Want proof? Well, the school has a girls soccer program as well as one for boys.

Dixie girls soccer coach Jason Burton recently gave us a glimpse of the girls team. "The 2022 Dixie High School girls soccer team has gotten off to a 2-2 start beginning with a runner-up result in the Abbeville Area Preseason Tournament where we beat Crescent 8-0 and lost to Westside in the championship game 1-0," he said.

The 2022 season officially started Monday, Feb. 28, with a loss to Brashier

Middle 3-0 and on Tuesday, March 1, the Lady Hornets defeated Crescent 2-0, he went on to say.

"The team has several players that need to be watched this upcoming season beginning with 2021 leading goal scorers Senior Captain Savannah Wojtkowski and Junior Savannah Kent," he said. "Senior Captain Savannah Southerland will lead us as goalkeeper and Sophomore Georgia Wojtkowski will lead our defense as sweeper. We have two freshmen that will play a huge role with Clara Angel playing center mid-field and Giulia Giammarinaro playing Stopper. "There are many other key

players that will play huge roles this year with our goal being to advance in the 1A-2A playoffs," said Burton.

The coach said that there is considerable interest in girls soccer at Dixie.

"I think the team started in 2014," he said. "I took over in the varsity in 2017 and we started the JV in 2018. We have 36 total girls on both our JV and varsity so I would say there is much interest.

"We have no regular region slate and play mainly 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A teams," he added. "We compete in the playoffs against mainly 2A schools."

# Hunters who harvest a tagged coyote can earn free license

Submitted by  
SCDNR

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) released 16 more tagged coyotes statewide recently as part of the Coyote Harvest Incentive Program, and any hunter who successfully takes and reports one of these tagged coyotes will be rewarded with a free lifetime license.

The Coyote Harvest Incentive Program was created in 2016 by the General Assembly, which directed SCDNR to develop and implement a coyote tagging

and reward program. Annually, SCDNR traps, tags and releases four coyotes per game zone (16 total). Anyone who successfully takes and reports a tagged coyote will be rewarded with a free lifetime hunting license. The person reporting the tagged coyote has the option to designate anyone for the lifetime license such as a child, relative, or friend.

Over the last five years, a total of 96 coyotes have been tagged and released, including the 16 that were recently released. To date, about half of the tagged coyotes have been reported

taken. Coyotes tagged in any year are eligible for the lifetime license incentive. The specially marked tags provide contact information directly on them. Only the uniquely identifiable SCDNR coyote tags are eligible for the lifetime license as there are potentially some coyotes that have been tagged for research purposes.

For more information on the Coyote Harvest Incentive Program, visit <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/coyote/coyoteincentive.html>.

# Coker downs Fleet, 11-5

Submitted by  
Erskine Athletics  
Department

DUE WEST, S.C. – The Erskine College baseball team (9-8, 2-4 CC) was defeated by Coker University (6-10, 3-0 SAC) by a score of 11-5 at Grier Field on Tuesday afternoon.

Erskine still holds a 16-13 lead in the all-time series.

After Erskine starter Parker Jefferson put up a pair of zeroes in his first two innings of work, the Fleet offense struck first in the bottom half of the second inning. Gregory Sanders and Kayle Marti each had a bunt single and Dalton Boyd followed a few

batters later with a sacrifice fly that scored Sanders and gave Erskine a 1-0 lead. But, the Coker offense exploded in the middle innings, scoring 11 runs in their next three frames to take a commanding 11-1 lead at the halfway point of the game. Ashby Smith ripped an RBI triple in the bottom half of the fifth inning to make it an 11-2 game. In the eighth inning, Armando Becerra stayed hot with a towering two-run home run to right field and Dontae Wade scored in the ninth inning on a dropped third strike but the early deficit was too much for the Fleet as they were beaten by Coker, 11-5.

Kyle Marti was 3-for-4 at the plate, already recording his fourth game of his freshman campaign with three or more hits.

Erskine goes on the road for the first time in its conference season to take on the reigning Conference Carolinas regular season champions, the University of Mount Olive (9-3, 3-0 CC) for a three-game set starting on Friday evening at 5:00 p.m.

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Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Kennedy, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

## Pet of the Month



Meet Marvel a 2 yr. old Retriever/mix who is very energetic and loves people. Marvel weighs in at 45 pounds and can be a handful with his energy and size. He loves to run and play in the yard but will need to be an only dog. Visit Marvel at the shelter and let her show you all that love she has to offer.

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Marvel, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

## Pet of the Month



Oreo and Charlie are siblings who are 7 months old. Oreo is black and very playful and loves human attention. Charlie is black and white and enjoys some human affection

but is a bit more independent and curious. Visit the shelter today and take one or both of these beautiful babies home and experience the love they have to offer.

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$15 for Oreo and \$15 for Charlie, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

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Personal Representative: Sara Jo Sherard  
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